

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 4, line 24 to page 5, line 10, as follows:

The previously unknown trailing interspecific *impatiens* plants of the present invention were discovered as a result of a breeding and research efforts which were conducted in Linda Vista, Costa Rica. In 1996, a cross was made using a proprietary *Impatiens flaccida* Linda Vista as the female parent, grown from seed, a sample of which is deposited under ATCC Accession Number PTA-1069. This selection exhibited very vigorous growth, small lavender flowers, good pollen and seed yield, and is early to flower with a spreading, loose habit. The male parent was a bulk of *Impatiens Hawkeri* pollen collected from the Java Series F₁ hybrid New Guinea *impatiens* (developed by and commercially available from Pan American Seed Company, 622 Town Road, West Chicago, IL 60185). The plants in this series have medium vigor with a bushy, well-branched habit. They have good pollen and seed yield, and are early to flower with abundant flower production. Pollen was collected from several plants having a variety of flower colors, and may have included orange, red, salmon, red/salmon bicolor, rose/lilac bicolor, lavender, cherry red and white. The bulked pollen was transferred to the female parent and the resulting F₁ seed was collected and germinated. In 1997, from the flowering progeny, plants identified as 2245B and 2257B were selected. The F₁ generation yielded a variety of flower colors including lilac, cherry red, and purple. Foliage colors included green to dark green. The majority of the F₁ plants were sterile and it was not possible to recover seed from self pollination or backcrossing.